

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES

OF

LEGISLATORS

AND

STATE OFFICERS

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NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

*Counties.* — Galveston, Brazoria and Matagorda.

SENATOR ANDREW PHELPS MCCORMICK was born in Brazoria county, Texas, December 18, 1832. He graduated at Center College, Danville, Kentucky, in June 1854; studied law in the office of Judge James H. Bell, in Brazoria, and was admitted to the bar in December, 1855. Mr. McCormick's father was an early settler of Brazoria county, a soldier at San Jacinto, a man of rare intelligence, beloved by a large circle of friends, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. The subject of this sketch is a planter as well as lawyer. He was appointed Chief Justice of Brazoria county by Provisional Governor

Andrew J. Hamilton, in December, 1865. He was elected by Galveston and Brazoria counties a delegate to the Convention that passed the Constitution of 1866, and was also a delegate to the Convention that passed the Constitution of 1869. Mr. McCormick took an active part in the business and deliberations of both these conventions, winning for himself the reputation of a good parliamentarian and able debater. He is a Republican in politics, decided and pronounced, but from the constitution of his mind, both liberal and conservative.

In September, 1871, Mr. McCormick was appointed by Governor Davis Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Galveston and Brazoria, which office he held until the seventeenth day of April, 1876. He was esteemed by the members of the bar as an able, impartial and diligent judge, and one who did not carry politics into the court house. He was elected a Senator in the present Legislature by a majority of seven hundred and twenty-one votes, in a district which gave a considerable majority to Coke and Hubbard, having received the

open and earnest support of many staunch and influential Democrats.

Judge McCormick married early in life, and has a goodly family of sons and daughters growing up around him. He is a gentleman of fine personal appearance, and a man of most admirable temper.